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SUB: PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM TO VISIT GHANA

1. NEWS REPORTS SEPTEMBER 20 INDICATE THAT PRIME MINISTER FORBES BURNHAM HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO GIVE FIRST SERIES OF KWAME NKRUMAH MEMORIAL LECTURES ORGANIZED BY UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST. GHANA'S HEAD OF STATE COL. ACHEAMPONG WILL PRESIDE AT OPENING NOVEMBER 22. REPORT INDICATES THAT BURNHAM WILL BE GOG GUEST FOR THE VISIT.

2. BURNHAM IS TO GIVE THREE LECTURES: "PAN AFRICANISM AND THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE", "NKRUMAHISM AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS", AND "ASSERTION OF AFRICAN IDENTITY" OF WHICH TWO WILL BE GIVEN AT CAPE COAST AND THE THIRD AT THE NEWLY RENAMED KWAME NKRUMAH CONFERENCE CENTER (FORMERLY STATE HOUSE) IN ACCRA. NEWS STORY REPORTS THAT NKRUMAH'S WIFE FATHIA NKRUMAN ALSO INVITED.

3. COMMENT: LECTURES ARE LATEST IN NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL'S CAUTIOUS RECOGNITION OF NKRUMAH AS FOUNDER AND FIRST PRESIDENT OF GHANA. PERHAPS CAUTION ALSO EXPLAINS CHOICE OF NON-AFRICAN AS LECTURER.

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